

REMARKS

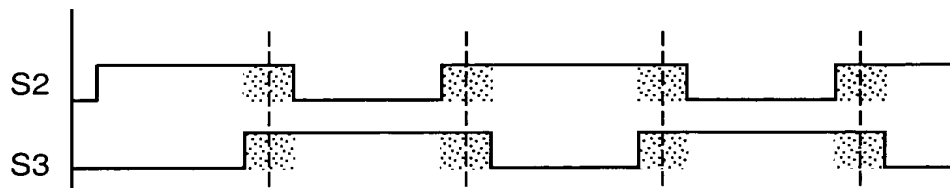
Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The drawings were found objectionable. Replacement sheets are enclosed. The comment concerning "non-standard" symbols is not understood. The Patent Office does not have a symbols standard. There was a standard for cross-hatching but this was dropped many years ago. The Examiner is reminded that a drawing *illustrates* an invention (35 USC 113); that is, drawings are neither blueprints nor schematics. An impedance is typically represented by an "X" and a gas discharge lamp is an impedance. That said, the replacement sheets use an elongated rectangle, labeled "LAMP," to represent a gas discharge lamp. Presumably this meets whatever standard the Examiner may have in mind.

In FIG. 1 of the replacement sheet, the reference number 13 is omitted. It is not mentioned in the specification.

The description of FIG. 2 is amended to refer to control circuit 19.


The claims were rejected as unpatentable over Jang et al. The claims now recite the timing illustrated in the following sketch, taken from FIG. 3 of applicant's specification. The intervals of simultaneous conduction are stippled.



An inspection of FIGS. 1(b), 2(b), 3(b), 7(b), and 7(c) of the Jang et al. patent shows that this timing is not disclosed or suggested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4–9 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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